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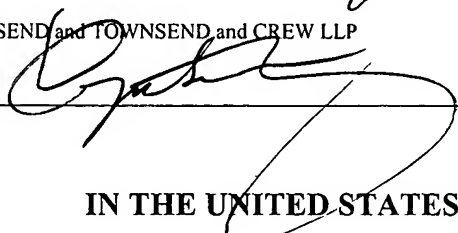
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Naoto Matsunami, et al.

Application No.: 10/004,131

Filed: October 30, 2001

For: STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING A
PLURALITY OF CONTROLLERS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8042

Examiner: Nguyen, Mike

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2182

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.